

PATENT

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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete supplemental response to the Final Office Action dated September 23, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 23, 2003.

Claims 1 – 21, 23 and 24 stand rejected. Applicant has cancelled claims 1 – 21 and overcome the basis of the rejection of claims 22 – 28 in the previous response dated November 24, 2003. Therefore, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner, Gero McClellan suggested that the status of claims 23 and 24 are in error. Specifically, Applicant believes that these claims were erroneously rejected under 35 USC § 102(b), but should now be considered allowable because they depend from independent claim 22, also believed to be allowable.

Applicant notes that claims 22 – 28 were not amended and are entitled to a full range of equivalents. Therefore, although these claims recite Java®, it should be understood that they apply to any object oriented programming environment.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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